

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as reflected in the following claim listing. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) An access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising:

a body portion comprising an upper body part, a lower body part attachable to the upper body part, and a self-sealing septum between the upper body part and the lower body part,

wherein the upper body part and the lower body part are formed of implantable, biocompatible material, and

wherein a reservoir is defined by the body portion;

an outlet configured to be in flow communication with the reservoir;

an access site located on the body portion; and

an entry site located on the body portion, the entry site being disposed opposite the outlet and being configured to permit insertion of one of a guidewire and a stylet through the body portion and into the outlet,

wherein an outer surface of the septum forms a portion of an exterior surface of the device, and

wherein the device is configured to permit access, from an exterior of the device, to the reservoir via the access site without passing through the entry site and without passing through the outlet,

wherein the outlet is configured to be connected to a catheter, and

wherein the device is configured so that when the outlet is connected to the catheter, the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the catheter.

61. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the access site is located on the upper body part.

62. (Canceled)

63. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the entry site is located on the upper body part.

64. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the reservoir is defined between the septum and the lower body part.

65. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 61, wherein the outlet extends away from the reservoir in a first direction, and wherein the access site extends away from the reservoir in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

66. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 61, wherein the entry site extends away from the reservoir in a first direction, and wherein the access site extends away from the reservoir in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

67. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 61,~~ An access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising:

a body portion comprising an upper body part, a lower body part attachable to the upper body part, and a self-sealing septum between the upper body part and the lower body part,

wherein the upper body part and the lower body part are formed of implantable, biocompatible material, and

wherein a reservoir is defined by the body portion;

an outlet configured to be in flow communication with the reservoir;

an access site located on the body portion; and

an entry site located on the body portion, the entry site being disposed opposite the outlet and being configured to permit insertion of one of a guidewire and a stylet through the body portion and into the outlet,

wherein an outer surface of the septum forms a portion of an exterior surface of the device,

wherein the device is configured to permit access to the reservoir via the access site without passing through the entry site, and

wherein the septum comprises a unitary, single-piece construction comprising a first septum portion and a second septum portion, the first septum portion providing access to the reservoir via the entry site and the second septum portion providing access to the reservoir via the access site.

68. (Currently Amended) An assembly comprising:

the device of claim 60; and

a catheter connected to the outlet,

wherein the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the catheter connected to the outlet.

69. (Canceled)

70. (Currently Amended) An access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising:

a body portion comprising an upper body part, a lower body part attachable to the upper body part, and a self-sealing septum between the upper body part and the lower body part,

wherein the upper body part and the lower body part are formed of implantable, biocompatible material, and

wherein a reservoir is defined by the body portion;

an outlet configured to be in flow communication with the reservoir;

an entry site located on the body portion,

wherein the entry site is configured to permit access to the reservoir; and
an access site located on the body portion,
wherein the access site is configured to permit access to the reservoir,
wherein an outer surface of the septum forms a portion of an exterior surface of
the device, and
wherein the device is configured to permit access, from an exterior of the device,
to the reservoir via the access site without passing through the entry site and without
passing through the outlet,
wherein the outlet is configured to be connected to a catheter, and
wherein the device is configured so that when the outlet is connected to the
catheter, the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the
catheter.

71. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 70, wherein the access site is located on the upper body part.

72. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 70, wherein the entry site is disposed opposite the outlet.

73. (Canceled)

74. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 70, wherein the entry site is located on the upper body part.

75. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 70, wherein the reservoir is defined between the septum and the lower body part.

76. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 70, wherein the outlet extends away from the reservoir in a first direction, and wherein the access site extends away from the reservoir in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

77. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 70, wherein the entry site extends away from the reservoir in a first direction, and wherein the access site extends away from the reservoir in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

78. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 70, An access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising:

a body portion comprising an upper body part, a lower body part attachable to the upper body part, and a self-sealing septum between the upper body part and the lower body part,

wherein the upper body part and the lower body part are formed of implantable, biocompatible material, and

wherein a reservoir is defined by the body portion;

an outlet configured to be in flow communication with the reservoir;

an entry site located on the body portion,

wherein the entry site is configured to permit access to the reservoir; and

an access site located on the body portion,

wherein the access site is configured to permit access to the reservoir,

wherein an outer surface of the septum forms a portion of an exterior surface of
the device,

wherein the device is configured to permit access to the reservoir via the access
site without passing through the entry site, and

wherein the septum comprises a unitary, single-piece construction comprising a first septum portion and a second septum portion, the first septum portion providing access to the reservoir via the entry site and the second septum portion providing access to the reservoir via the access site.

79. (Currently Amended) An assembly comprising:

the device of claim 70; and

a catheter connected to the outlet,

wherein the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the
catheter connected to the outlet.

80-112. (Canceled)

113. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

an access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising

a body portion comprising an upper body part, a lower body part attachable to the upper body part, and a self-sealing septum between the upper body part and the lower body part,

wherein the upper body part and the lower body part are formed of implantable, biocompatible material, and

wherein a reservoir is defined by the body portion,
an outlet configured to be in flow communication with the reservoir, and
an entry site located on the body portion, the entry site being disposed opposite the outlet and being configured to permit insertion of one of a guidewire and a stylet through the body portion and into the outlet,

wherein an outer surface of the septum forms a portion of an exterior surface of the device; and

one of a guidewire and a stylet,

wherein the entry site is configured to permit insertion of said one of a guidewire and a stylet through the body portion and into the outlet,

wherein the outlet is configured to be connected to a catheter, and

wherein the device is configured so that when the outlet is connected to the catheter, the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the catheter.

114. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
an access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising

a body portion comprising an upper body part, a lower body part attachable to the upper body part, and a self-sealing septum between the upper body part and the lower body part,

wherein the upper body part and the lower body part are formed of implantable, biocompatible material, and

wherein a reservoir is defined by the body portion,

an outlet configured to be in flow communication with the reservoir,

an entry site located on the body portion,

wherein the entry site is configured to permit access to the reservoir, and

an access site located on the body portion,

wherein the access site is configured to permit access to the reservoir,

and

wherein an outer surface of the septum forms a portion of an exterior surface of the device; and

one of a guidewire and a stylet,

wherein the entry site is configured to permit insertion of said one of a guidewire and a stylet through the body portion and into the outlet,

wherein the outlet is configured to be connected to a catheter, and

wherein the device is configured so that when the outlet is connected to the catheter, the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the catheter.

115. (Cancelled)

116. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the entry site is configured to permit insertion of said one of a guidewire and stylet through the reservoir and into the outlet.

117. (Canceled)

118. (New) A system comprising:
the access port device of claim 60; and
one of a guidewire and a stylet,
wherein the entry site is configured to permit insertion of said one of a guidewire and a stylet through the body portion and into the outlet.

119. (New) A system comprising:
the access port device of claim 70; and
one of a guidewire and a stylet,
wherein the entry site is configured to permit insertion of said one of a guidewire and a stylet through the body portion and into the outlet.

120. (New) The system of claim 113, further comprising a catheter connected to the outlet, wherein the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the catheter connected to the outlet.

121. (New) The system of claim 114, further comprising a catheter connected to the outlet, wherein the reservoir is in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with the catheter connected to the outlet.